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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### DR. TEFPT IS AROUSED

The President of Hartshorn Memorial College Calls For a Remedy.  
The Editor Willing.

Hartshorn Memorial College, President's Office, Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1909.

Editor John Mitchell, Jr., Planet Office,

Dear Editor:—

In your issue of November 20th, you had an editorial entitled, "An Alarm Sounded," quoting from Mr. Stenons, etc. I wish you would prepare a good editorial, which you are abundantly able to do, showing the remedy for the condition of things, in which work, which properly belongs to colored men and women is slipping from their hands. It is an important matter.

I am, truly yours,

LYMAN B. TEFPT.

We have read with interest the virtual "call to arms" on our part, as suggested by the distinguished presiding genius of this celebrated college for colored women, and we are almost persuaded to lay aside all other duties and give our views upon this all important topic. However, we regard the future mothers, as being so inseparably connected with the solution of this question that we hope this great educator will also favor us with his opinion relative to the issues presented.—Editor.

### Mr. Dammall's Funeral.

The funeral of Isaac Dammall, who was killed in the train wreck on the Southern Railroad, near Greensboro, N. C., took place last Saturday 3 P. M. at the First Baptist Church, Rev. W. T. Johnson, D. D., the pastor officiating. He delivered a most impressive sermon, telling of the many sterling qualities of the deceased, who had been a member of that church for many years. Many prominent ministers were present.

Mr. Dammall's face was injured, his nose broken and his shoulder also crushed. Funeral Director A. D. Price had charge of the remains. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Odd Fellows and a St. Luke.

Week, January 3, 1910. Rhoda Royal's Circus. Benefit of Acca Temple Mystic Shrine. 200 Performers, 50 Feature Acts. Two Performances Daily. Horse Show Building.

Mrs. Eugene Watts, of 56 South Main Street, Portchester, N. Y., is visiting her mother and many friends in Boston during the holidays.

### TIRES CONCEALED BEHIND ORGAN

Boys Admit Robbing Motor Car and Tell Where Stolen Goods Could Be Found.

J. J. Ballou, of 906 Floyd Avenue, was robbed of two automobile tires from his machine standing in front of his door Thursday night and yesterday Guy Barnes and Willie Northington, two boys, the eldest of whom is but sixteen, were arrested by Detective Sergeants Wiley and Bailey.

Early in the day the detectives got wind that one of the boys had attempted to sell the tires. A short time later they caught the Barnes boy and got from him a confession that the tires were at his home, in the parlor behind the organ. They visited the home, 511 South Laurel Street, and inquired of the boy's mother, if she knew the whereabouts of the tires. She knew nothing about them, and then they suggested that they might be behind the organ, and Sergeant Wiley asked if he might have a look behind it. Mrs. Barnes readily granted permission, and as soon as the organ was dragged out a little way the tires were discovered. Mrs. Barnes was entirely ignorant of their presence, and was greatly shocked to find them in her house.

The Northington boy was next found, and, after a little cross-questioning, he gave up. He was asked who cut the tires from the automobile.

"We both did it," he answered, "and we carried them to Guy's home where we hid them behind the organ." Northington lives at 529 South Laurel Street. The tires were not taken out, but the Barnes boy, it is alleged, offered to sell them to a certain dealer, and was thus caught. Both were bailed, one by Judge Witt and the other by Justice Crutchfield.—Times-Dispatch Dec. 18, 1909.

Rev. C. B. W. Gordon, of Petersburg, Va., is being greatly loved by his congregation. As a token of their esteem and affection they are to present him with an arm-full of trouble Christmas morning in the shape of an automobile.

We hope that when he is perspiring with his troubles and aggravations, he will remember the intentions of the donors.

NOTICE—I AM NOW PREPARED to furnish meals by day or week for families at the lowest prices; also boiling hams and roasting turkeys; and I am still freezing cream at 25c. per gallon, my old price. Parties desiring meals sent to their residences will comply with their desire. All orders promptly attended to and delivered. I thank you for your past patronage, and thank you for present. PETER THOMPSON, 422 East Marshall St.



### The New Bank Building.

Work on the new building of the Mechanics' Savings Bank is progressing nicely. The structure presents a fine appearance and the bricklayers are now working on the third story.

President Mitchell has arranged for the installation of an underground cable, by which 'phone service will be available to all tenants from a supply station on each floor.

The new elevator will take passengers to the roof. Some of the offices have already been engaged. The contract for the bank fixtures was awarded to the M. Ohmeyer Sons Company, of Dayton, Ohio, about two weeks ago. They will be of bronze, mahogany and Italian marble.

The twenty-two inch marble columns of pink color have been the source of much favorable comment. The white brick constitutes a feature of the building and the yellow brick trimmings are tasty and highly decorative. The structure has set all of Richmond to talking. The building will be four stories.

### BLAZE IN STABLE TERRIFIES STOCK

Negro Helper Stumbled Over Lamp, Causing Damage Estimated at \$2,000.

Stumbling over a pile of feed with a lighted lamp, a negro helper in the stable of E. F. Haile, 1706 East Franklin Street, accidentally set the place afire last night, and it was not extinguished until after two alarms had been turned in, and damage amounting to between \$1,500 and \$2,000 had been inflicted.

The helper was on his rounds at 10 o'clock when the fire started. It took but a moment for the blaze to spread, and in another moment the whole of the inside was in flames. Some one on the outside turned in the alarm, and after the first engine companies had responded, Chief Ratto, who was in charge, seeing that serious destruction was threatened, ordered a second alarm.

The second alarm brought other companies and the fire was soon put under control.

At the time of the fire there were many mules and horses in the stable, but all were taken out. With some of them the greatest difficulty was experienced. Some balked and refused to move, but they were finally driven out, and Franklin Street and the side streets were soon filled with scared mules and horses. All were finally caught and taken to other nearby stables for the night.

Mr. Haile's stable was gutted, everything between the brick walls being burned and all the feed destroyed. The place is owned by Mrs. Taylor Bowles. The stable, it is said, was fully insured.—Times-Dispatch, Dec. 18, 1909.

### FOUND BURGLAR HIDING IN STORE

Officers Catch Well Dressed Thief After He Had Broken Window.

Cramped for room and unable to hide his feet underneath the desk where he had taken refuge when the officers came in to answer the burglar alarm call, Charles A. Mann was discovered shortly before 1 o'clock this morning in James McGraw's hardware and cutlery store, 1449-1442 East Main Street, into which he had broken through a front window.

Bicycle Officers Gerring and Atkinson, of the First District, answered the call of the clerk, who had been notified that the front window of the store had been broken. Both officers rushed up to the store on their wheels. The window looked as if a two-horse wagon had been driven through it. They went through the door, which the clerk opened for them, and began a search. They stumbled about for several minutes, and then Officer Atkinson fell over some obstruction behind the desk in the office. He glanced down as he caught himself, and discovered a pair of shoes.

The Sherlock Holmes instinct came to him at once. He reasoned that one does not usually find shoes in a hardware store, and that if shoes were found there they would be pretty apt to contain feet. He rapped them with his stick, and they moved.

"Come out of there," said the officers in unison, and Mann came forth. "These feet of mine," he said mournfully, "have always been in my way, and they've queered most of my jobs. I'm your man."

He was fairly well dressed. He had on two pairs of trousers, so that he could have carried off all the money in sight. Gerring and Atkinson searched him, and they found that Mann had his pockets filled with checks and notes.

"You've caught me good this time," said Mann. "But there were three others with me. You've got me red handed." But he refused to give the names of his alleged companions. He acknowledged to the two officers that he had been here but thirty-four hours.—Times-Dispatch, Dec. 18, 1909.

### STOCKHOLDERS ATTENTION!

Mechanics' Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics' Savings Bank will be held on Tuesday night January 4, 1910, at the Pythian Castle Hall, 727 N. Third Street, Richmond, Va., at 8:30 o'clock.

All stockholders are requested to be present in person or be represented by proxy.

By order of  
JOHN MITCHELL, JR., Pres.  
THOS. M. CRUMP, Secy.

